been entrusted to the State Governments and UT Administrations. Besides administrative instructions are also issued from time to time to launch special drives to detect the Pakistani nationals staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation. As a result of the sustained efforts put in this regard 13 Pak nationals were deported from the state of Andhra Pradesh in the year 2000 and 1 in 2002.

Steps for speedy prosecution under POTA

144. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of arrests made under POTA so far;

(b) how many of those arrested have been prosecuted for; and

(c) the steps taken for speedy prosecution under POTA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Since law and order is a State subject, the implementation of the provisions of the POTA, 2002 is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The information regarding number of persons arrested under the POTA, 2002 throughout the country is not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Infiltration of militants

145. SHRI GKULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pteasecl to state:

(a) whether infiltration of militants, mostly of foreign origin, continues unabated;

(b) if so, whether Government have any information that Pakistan has not taken any steps to dismantle the infrastructure supporting terrorism on its territory;

(c) whether there was any increase in the number of terrorist strikes in 2002 as compared to 2001; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) According to available information,

Pakistan has not taken any concrete steps to dismantle the infrastructure supporting terrorism on its territory. Nor has infiltration of terrorists come to a halt.

(c) and (d) According to information provided by the State Government of J and K, the number of incidents of terrorist violence in the State during the calendar year 2002, was 4038 compared to 4522 in the calendar year2001.

Special cell to deal naxalite menace

146. SHRI RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a special cell to deal with naxalite menace in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how intelligence sharing by the affected States and the Centre would be coordinated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

However, keeping in view the overall dimensions of Left Wing Extremism, a Coordination Centre headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the concerned State Government to check left wing extremist activities.

Fight against terrorism

147. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently visited France and Qatar and held discussions with counterparts there;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;